SENATE BILL 1359 By Bryson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to leaves of absence from postsecondary educational institutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-919(c), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Personal leave shall be granted to a student to participate in religious work or activity for such student's religious faith under the direction, guidance or control of a church or other religious organization of that faith, if the student is expected by the church or other religious organization to devote full-time effort to such work or activity during the period of the leave.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.